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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2005 with the time period for response being three months or by February 28, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

The amendments to the claims are on page 2

The remarks are on page 5.